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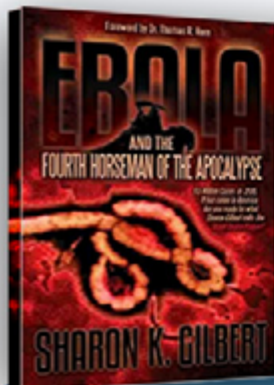
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Whereas it is the express purpose of the Great Commission of the New Testament Church to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his teachings to all the nations of the world through local and foreign ministry, missionary work, and evangelism for the purpose of constituting the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, built and established upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone; and whereas Bible prophecy and “signs of the times” are integral to the preaching of the Gospel and will be fulfilled at the Second Coming of Christ; and finally that God Himself ordained His Universal Church to be enjoined in the observation of end-times signs as part of study, counsel and instruction for the work of the ministry and for the exercise of those spiritual gifts and offices provided for in the New Testament, SkyWatch TV has been established as a non-profit organization to propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ through unique print and visual media.

Solid, learned theological interpretation of biblical prophecy and scriptural insight on issues of the supernatural in our modern world is scarce. From those whose approach to biblical analysis is riddled with inaccurate twists to those who play on sensationalism for attention or increased sales of a product, many today who have serious unanswered questions have so few sources to rely upon for truthful analysis of the Living Word’s wisdom and warnings. Additionally, many churches and Christian media sources overlook or avoid digging too deeply into subjects that raise complicated or controversial questions. As a result, what some believe to be “forbidden” subjects (such as prophecy, supernatural and paranormal events, hot-button international and religious headlines, etc.) are greatly neglected. Today’s seekers of truth—young and old; believers and non-believers (of the traditional Christian faith)—find themselves understandably hungry for answers in areas that the local church may leave pending. As a result, many wind up in dark corners of the Internet seeking answers where they can become

they can become vulnerable to deception. Yet the world is seeking, more now than ever, for reliable reflections and discussion of these difficult, yet real, topics. This, perhaps, is why people are so excited about SkyWatch TV. But, readers of this article will find it refreshing that delivering answers to hard-hitting questions is not the only goal of SkyWatch TV or its founders. With the launch of this new enterprise comes far-reaching opportunities for new purpose. The list below is a brief summary of our overall vision.

1: A NEW PARADIGM IN CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING

Starting with our lineup of well-respected veteran broadcasters in fields of prophecy and biblical studies, SkyWatch TV breaks the mold on religious programming as it has been known in the past. While the theology that guides its leaders remains orthodox Western Evangelical, the SkyWatch team boldly

takes on unconventional subjects from fields as wide as the genetics revolution to astrobiology—and finds the amazing ways in which God (sometimes through prophecy) addresses complex issues. SkyWatch TV will present this distinctive approach on cable, will be closed captioned for hearing impaired, as well as broadcast on all major mobile devices, including I-TV.

Studio A—which has been built and is the primary studio in which regular daily and weekly programming began—is only a small part of the larger SkyWatch facilities.

Construction of “Studio B” is next and is waiting for additional funding. An all-women’s cast will operate from this studio (think of it as a Christian version of *The View*) and will cover a variety of issues of importance to women, from a woman’s point of view.

2: INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

Like some high-caliber and celebrated television stations have done in the secular domain, SkyWatch TV plans to feature investigative reports and full-length documentaries involving on-location and original field footage and research, promising to deliver what no Christian broadcasting ministry has ever offered before. Examples of some of the first special investigations include:

INHUMAN: The Movie—“Transhumanism” is a term that represents the merging of the human race with science and technology to the point that mankind can and will evolve beyond our current physical and mental limitations. For many, these developments embody an exciting new age, delivering an unprecedented opportunity to permanently and globally overcome disease and medical weakness, embracing our future with freedom from the restraints of our own biological fates. But often, those who relate to God-fearing faiths find this movement alarming, observing that it frequently raises questions regarding the morality of human body and mind tampering, and the irreversible dangers therein. Never before have these two voices, science versus religion, met to this depth to discuss these issues. Interviews for this full-length, original, SkyWatch TV-exclusive documentary have been collected from some of the top names in Transhumanism circles including Natasha Vita-More and James Hughes, as well as esteemed theologians and bioethicists such as Gary Stearman and Wesley Smith.

Redeemed Unredeemable Documentary—Jesus said

that redemption is available to everyone. No one is beyond His reach; no one falls outside the boundaries of His willingness to forgive. Anyone who calls on Him will be saved, He says. But, does that really include the world’s most infamous convicts such as Manson Family disciples Susan Atkins and Charles “Tex” Watson, serial killer Ted Bundy, “Milwaukee Monster” Jeffrey Dahmer, “Son of Sam” David Berkowitz, “Pickaxe Killer” Karla Faye Tucker, and parent-killer Sean Sellers? Defender Publishing’s newest book release, *Redeemed Unredeemable*, featured exclusive interviews with many who were involved in these cases, including relatives of the victims and perpetrators, prison staff members and ministers, and, when possible, even the criminals, themselves, several of which have already agreed to a filmed interview for the documentary.

On the Path of the Immortals—Following the release of their international bestseller, *Exo-Vaticana*, Thomas Horn and Cris Putnam were inundated with requests from around the world to produce a documentary on the subject. What they discovered sent shockwaves through Christianity concerning the Vatican’s advanced telescope, which sits on top of Mt. Graham in Arizona (USA), where the Jesuits admit they are monitoring “something” approaching the earth. After the authors’ initial report was published in *Exo-Vaticana*, the pope’s top astronomer took to the airwaves and on the Vatican Observatory website to try and explain the role that he and other church astronomers are playing in regards to emerging “ET Friendly” theology, their association with the LUCIFER device at Mt. Graham, and their developing doctrines concerning extraterrestrial life and the impact it may have on planet Earth’s religions; Christianity in particular. Now, armed with fresh information (including from the native peoples that failed before a federal appeals court to stop the construction of the Vatican’s observatory on one of their four holiest mountains), Thomas Horn and Cris Putnam set out with cameras and field investigators to unearth their most astonishing discovery yet. The mountain is said to be a portal, a gateway to another dimension. And, as the Vatican knows and the authors uncover, it is not the only one.

3: DEFENDER BOOKS AND FILMS

Defender Publishing has sought to bring vital information to the public for years, and the public’s

response to these endeavors speaks for itself. People yearn to gain further insight and education on subjects most typically unattended by the church, and the staff at Defender are reached out to by hundreds of thousands of people per year with positive feedback about the books and media generated from this unique company. As a result, Defender has decided to expand toward a broader emphasis on cutting edge materials and interviews for an international audience.

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4: ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Records show that some of the most highly attended prophecy conferences in North America began as a vision from the current SkyWatch TV founders. Each year, people from all over the nation have travelled far and wide (and on occasion have taken the pains to travel into the United States from abroad), just to be present at these gatherings. These events have featured some of the most sought after names among Christian and prophecy teachers.

Plans are currently underway to execute the largest and most titanic conference to date, which is scheduled to take place in 2016. SkyWatch TV will release updates on this conference as we get nearer to the time and location.

5: SKYWATCH MAGAZINE

Similar to what other major education-based channels have done in the past, SkyWatch TV will be launching a free monthly magazine early in 2015. However, SkyWatch Magazine will be unlike any comparable publication to date and include contributions from world-renowned experts in the fields of theology, eschatology, geopolitics, and the supernatural. SkyWatch Magazine will explore compelling questions about the nature of reality, the unseen war that rages around us, and the future, all viewed through the lens of Bible prophecy and measured against the plumbline of the Word of God. The format will be dynamic, with the electronic editions

featuring interactive content and embedded video.

6: 150-ACRE RETREAT

For nearly a decade, one of the SkyWatch TV founders and several of their associates were involved in Christian conference facilities across the west, primarily in Oregon and Washington. On occasion, these retreats were booked by groups overseeing recuperative get-aways for children and/or adults seeking haven and/or sanctuary from the dilemmas or abuse or their lives at home. Many of those in attendance left with new hope and direction, as well as a restored faith.



Whispering Ponies Ranch: Miniature ponies will serve as therapeutic friends for 'at-risk' youth

For the leadership behind SkyWatch, observing these life changing experiences begat a driving passion to open a retreat center, available at no-cost (including all amenities), for inspirational and healing retreats. Starting in 2015, construction will begin on this new 150-acre resource. The land has already been purchased and some of the amenities constructed. Additional funding is needed to finish the facilities. This ministry for both children and adults will provide a safe, healing atmosphere alongside therapeutic programs involving hospice animal-training,

equestrian trails, prayer trails, fishing, ropes/obstacle courses, trust exercises, physical education courses, outdoor schools, and more.

7: CHARITABLE TRUST

There is always a good cause to support, and the founders of Sky-Watch TV feel the need to establish a charitable trust to benefit worthy charities. Actions have already been taken to determine, gather, and confirm a board of trustees toward this goal.

Most predominantly, funds raised by the trust will assist abused, neglected, and/or abandoned children as well as support for wounded veterans and similar causes.

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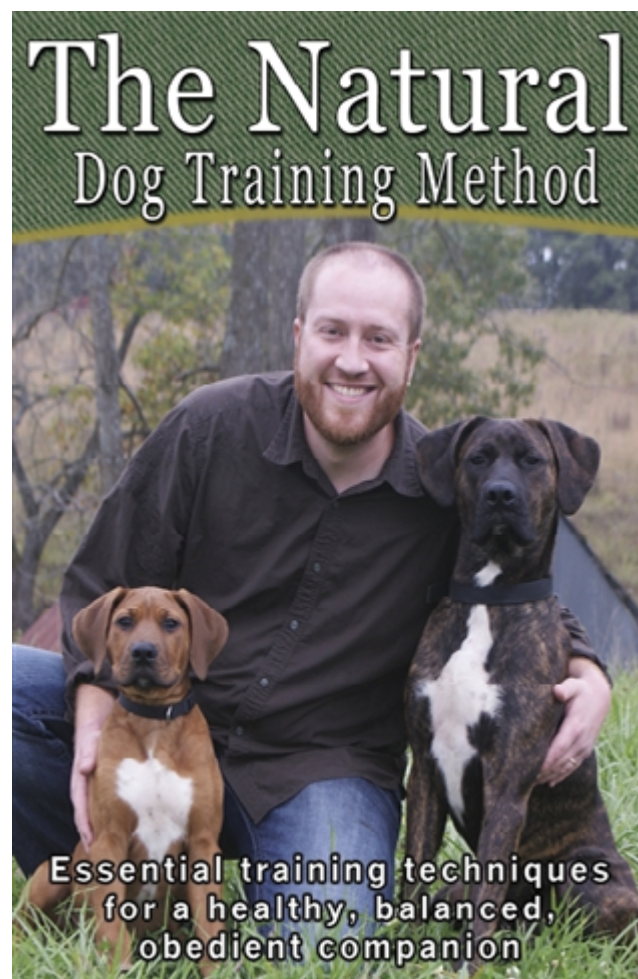
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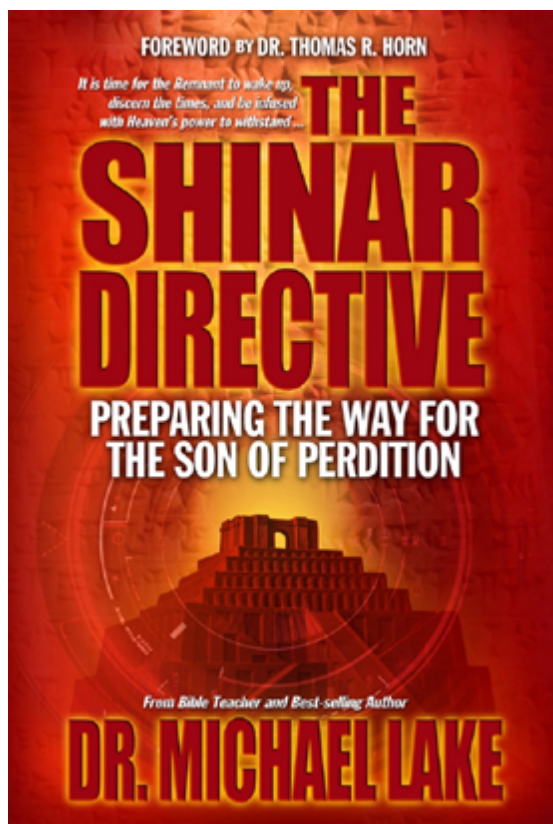


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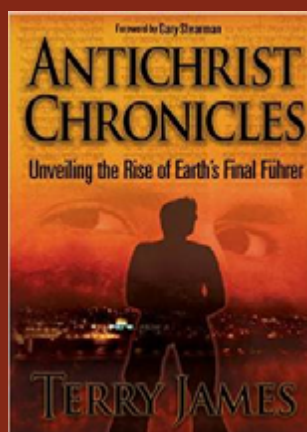
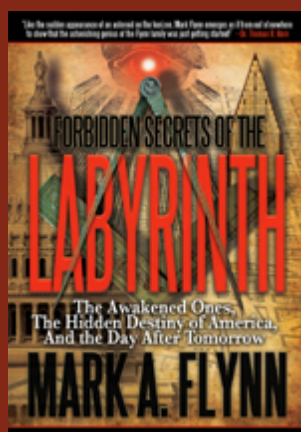
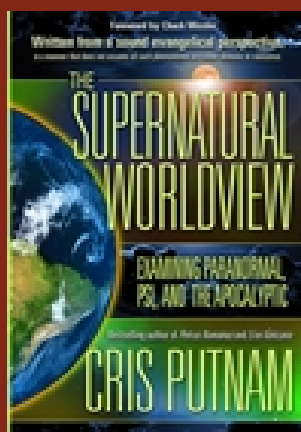
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The Double-Headed Eagle: Scottish Rite Freemasonry's Veneration of Nimrod

By Derek P. Gilbert

Much has been written about the symbols of Freemasonry. To some, they are simply the emblems of a fraternal organization that promotes fellowship, good will, kindness, loyalty, tolerance, and brotherly love. Others see clues pointing to an esoteric mystery religion that seeks to establish a New World Order.

Without opening a debate over the proper interpretation of centuries-old arcania, it can be shown, through their own words and symbols, that Scottish Rite Freemasonry honors perhaps the greatest rebel against God—the greatest human rebel, at least—in all of history.

Symbols are, simply put, images that represent ideas. They are as simple as traffic signs and can be as complex as a symbol's creator wishes it to be. They are everywhere. In our multilingual world, text—itsself a symbol representing sounds—is increasingly being replaced with images that communicate important concepts such as “no left turn”, “men's room”, or the types of payment accepted at the checkout.

The sporting world, for example, is full of symbols. Athletic jerseys, helmets, and stadia are covered with symbols intended to inspire confidence and loyalty in fans or fear and trembling in the hearts of rivals. In the business world, symbols represent strength, compassion, friendliness, professionalism, and a host of other attributes to shape a company's image.

Symbols are employed because they work. The human mind associates the characteristics of an image with the entity to which it is attached. A university athletic department wishing to convey the sense of be-



ing a fearsome opponent might choose to brand itself with the image of a powerful, snarling tiger in mid-leap. Certainly that communicates a much different impression than an image of a sleeping tiger cub.

Or the marketing department for an automaker might choose to advertise a new model with images of the product zipping around a series of sharply curved mountain roads, but they almost certainly would never launch a campaign with video of the car being towed into a repair shop.

It is safe to say that people and organizations choose symbols that represent characteristics or ideals that they consider desirable.

So what about the symbols of Freemasonry?

Much has been made of the basic square and compass surrounding the capital letter G, the pillars Boaz and Jachin, the checkered floor, the beehive, and the rest. Analysis of these symbols is often speculative, especially by those of us who are outside the craft. And frankly, some of what is written about Freemasonry is fanciful at best.

Even a brief review of Masonic symbols is well beyond the scope of this piece. We will focus on just one—the double-headed eagle that represents the highest degrees of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. We will examine what Scottish Rite Freemasons themselves say about this symbol and what it represents. And then we will simply ask whether an organization that chooses such a symbol is one to which a serious, thinking Christian should belong.

The author is aware that there are different paths Freemasons may choose if they want to advance beyond

the three basic levels of the Blue Lodge. In the United States, the main appendant bodies to Freemasonry are the York Rite, more correctly called the American Rite,¹ and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, or simply the Scottish Rite. In simple terms, the York Rite is considered the “Christian” path of Freemasonry while the Scottish Rite holds a more tolerant attitude, requiring only that its members profess faith in some deity.²

Men may belong to both organizations, so while there are differences in philosophy and emphasis, there is at least a degree of fraternity that exists between the York and Scottish rites.

The 32nd Degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, the highest degree one can attain in the rite (the 33rd Degree is honorary, conferred on about 1.5% of Scottish Rite Freemasons)³, is represented by a symbol well-known in Europe since the Crusades, a bicephalous (two-headed) eagle. Nations and royal houses have used the emblem, including the Holy Roman Empire, the House of Habsburg, and the ruling houses of what eventually became Russia. It was resurrected by the Russian Federation in 1993 during the administration of President Boris Yeltsin.

However, the double-headed eagle was a royal insignia in the Ancient Near East for centuries before the arrival of Crusaders. It has been known since the late 19th century that the Hittites used the double-headed eagle as a royal motif. Examples of the bicephalous eagle are found at sites in Turkey dating from the 18th through 13th centuries B.C.⁴ It appears that the image of the two-headed eagle originated with the Hittites in Anatolia and spread from there to Europe, India, and Asia over the next three thousand years.

Scottish Rite Freemasons, however, claim that the symbol is even older, that it is “the oldest Royal Crest in the World,”⁵ nearly two thousand years older than the earliest representations known to archaeologists. According to various Masonic publications, the double-headed eagle originated in the Sumerian city of Lagash “a thousand years before the Exodus from Egypt,”⁶ or perhaps even as far back as “five thousand years ago,”⁷ or circa 3000 B.C.—approximately 1300 years before the oldest known Hittite artifact.

Since this link is apparently unknown to archaeologists, or at least considered unworthy of much attention, the obvious question is, why do Scottish Rite Freemasons identify themselves in this way?

Lagash, located northwest of the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, was one of the oldest cities of the Ancient Near East and played an important role in the history of Mesopotamia. It was the center of one of the first verifiable empires in history, conquering all of Sumer around 2500 B.C. Interestingly, Lagash filled a power vacuum left by the decline of Uruk, which the Bible informs us was the “beginning of [Nimrod’s] kingdom.”⁸

The religious center of Lagash was a temple called the E-ninnu⁹ devoted to the god Ningirsu, or Ninurta (Nin Ur, or “God of War”). Ninurta remained popular in the cosmology of Sumer, Akkad, Babylon, and Assyria for millennia; two Assyrian kings were named Tukulti-Ninurta, and Ashurnasirpal II built a temple to Ninurta in his new capital city of Calah around 880 B.C. Several hundred years later, during the Neo-Babylonian and early Persian empires, the character of Ninurta was apparently fused with that of the war god Nergal.

Why is this significant? First, scholars draw clear parallels between the god Ninurta/Ningirsu and the shadowy figure named Nimrod¹⁰ (derived from the Hebrew *marad*, “to rebel”¹¹). And second, Ningirsu was often represented as, or accompanied by, a lion-headed (and single-headed) eagle called Imdugud or Anzû.

Apparently it is this icon that the Scottish Rite connects its symbol of ultimate achievement. Yet when



one searches for the link between the double-headed eagle of the Scottish Rite and Imdugud, the only assertions that the symbol originated at Lagash appear to come from Scottish Rite Freemasons.¹²

So what were the characteristics of Ningirsu/Ninurta that Scottish Rite Freemasons consider emblematic of their highest degrees? As mentioned, Ninurta was a



god of war and hunting. He was also depicted as a farmer, especially related to rainstorms and thunder, and a healing god who freed humans from illness and the power of demons.

Ninurta

was generally a heroic figure in Sumerian myth who confronted and destroyed a number of monsters that threatened the divine order. The “Slain Heroes” felled by the god include the Warrior Dragon, the Palm Tree King, Lord Saman-ana, the Bison-beast, the Mermaid, the Seven-headed Snake, and the Six-headed Wild Ram.¹³ In one legend, interestingly, Ninurta battles and defeats his alter ego, the lion-eagle Imdugud/Anzû, who had stolen the Tablets of Destiny that the chief Sumerian deity Enlil required to maintain his rule.

Ninurta was ambitious, and perhaps headstrong. According to one legend, he was willing to risk a rebellion against Enki, the Sumerian god of creation, intelligence, mischief, and fresh water—and one of the most powerful deities in Sumerian cosmology. The objects of Ninurta’s scheme were the *mes*, decrees of the gods that were foundational to the creation of society (i.e., truth, shepherdship, descent to and ascent from the nether world, law, art, metalworking, falsehood, music, etc.). Ninurta’s plan was easily foiled by Enki, who punished the upstart by creating a turtle that dug a pit into which Ninurta and the turtle fell, and

from which Ninurta was unable to escape.

The link between the lion-eagle Imdugud/Anzû and Ningirsu/Ninurta is especially intriguing in light of research that makes a compelling case for equating the god with the biblical Nimrod. Much of what follows in the next few paragraphs is distilled from the 1990 paper by Karel van der Toorn and P.W. van der Hoorst, “Nimrod Before and After the Bible.”¹⁴

The authors acknowledge the theories that propose a human prototype of Nimrod, but discard them as unsatisfactory. The most attractive candidate, the Assyrian king Tukulti-Ninurta (1243-1207 B.C.), lived in an era that simply doesn’t fit the political situation described by the author of the biblical account of Nimrod’s dominion.

Theories that the character of Nimrod was inspired by or derived from a Mesopotamian deity date back over 150 years, when a scholar suggested that Nimrod was to be identified with the Babylonian god Marduk, the biblical Merodach or Bel. This theory was revived in the 1960s when Nimrod’s characterization as a “mighty hunter before the Lord” was compared with the role played by Marduk in the Babylonian creation epic, the *Enuma Elish*. In it, Marduk confronts and kills the monsters of the army of Tiamat, a chaos monster representing the primordial ocean. Marduk eventually slays Tiamat herself, is elevated to chief among the gods, and proceeds to construct Babylon.

Despite the similarities between the two, however, van der Toorn and van der Hoorst rejected the proposed identification on linguistic and historical grounds. It is difficult to make the case that “Marduk” could become “Nimrod” in the Bible, they wrote, and while the cult of Marduk was introduced into Assyria, the god never became the symbol for Assyrian political power as did the god Ashur—and, to a lesser extent, Ninurta.

It is to Ninurta/Ningirsu we look as a possible prototype for the later Marduk legends. Ninurta, too, served as a champion of the gods by retrieving the Tablets of Destiny and displaying his skills as a mighty hunter by felling a Who’s Who of monstrous opponents. Just as Marduk’s defeat of Tiamat preceded his acts of creation, Ninurta’s conquest of Azag in the mountains was the precursor to his ordering of the irrigation systems essential to Sumerian agriculture. Indeed, this heroic act of conquest was preliminary to Ninurta’s role as the very founder of Mesopotamian civilization.

In that respect, then Ninurta/Ningirsu was the first on Earth to be a hero, which is similar to the biblical description of Nimrod in Genesis 10. And Ninurta's role as the founder of civilization generally parallels the biblical account of Nimrod's career as a builder of cities: "From that land he went into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city."¹⁵

The only discrepancy which must be reconciled is Nimrod's reputation as a builder of Assyrian cities. Ninurta was not described as a builder *per se*. However, his measures to protect cities from inundation, described in the legend of his battle with Azag, are consistent with the development of urban civilization.

Additionally, the identification of Nimrod with Ninurta¹⁶ is corroborated by the order in which the cities are listed in the Genesis account. The sequence of city names roughly corresponds to the shift in political power in Mesopotamian history. The earliest centers of cultural and political authority were in southern Mesopotamia, and gradually, by Middle-Assyrian times, the great cities of Assyria had become preeminent.

This shift also corresponds to the geographic spread of the cult of Ninurta. From a minor local deity, Ningirsu/Ninurta developed into a warrior god on a par with the chief gods of the Sumerian pantheon, Anu, Enlil, and Enki. The center of worship gradually moved northwest from Sumer in the third millennium B.C. "From that land he went into Assyria,"¹⁷ and the cult of Ninurta was well established there by the time the Assyrian king Tukulti-Ninurta I took the throne in 1243 B.C.

Thus we see in the biblical account of Nimrod echoes of the legends ascribed to Ninurta/Ningirsu, as well as a brief history of the growth of Nimrod's political and Ninurta's religious domains.

Information about Nimrod outside the Bible is sparse and often colorful, to say the least. He is sometimes remembered as an evil king who threw Abraham into a fiery furnace; in some accounts he is slain by Esau; in another he was killed by Hayk, the legendary patriarch and founder of Armenia, in the area of Lake Van.

Tradition generally agrees, however, that Nimrod was the builder of the infamous Tower of Babel. Egyptologist David Rohl goes further, believing that Nimrod can be identified with Enmerkar, one of the rulers named on the Sumerian King List.

First, Rohl notes that the Sumerian prefix *en* means

"lord", and the suffix *kar* translates as "hunter". Enmerkar, then, roughly means Enmer, or Lord Mer, the Hunter. Nimrod, of course, was remembered by the Hebrews as "a mighty hunter before the Lord".¹⁸

*No wonder, then, that he was represented as both semi-divine hero and god. The Babylonians knew him as Ninurta, the hunter-god armed with bow, and linked him with Marduk, warrior-god and lord of vegetation. The Sumerians of Eridu themselves elevated the mortal King Enmer-kar ('Enmer the hunter') to godhood as Asar, 'son' of Enki. The Sumerians of the Early Dynastic times named him Ningirsu, god of war and agriculture. In the city of Lagash they built the House of Ninnu (E-Ninnu) as Ningirsu's temple and gave him the epithet Enmersi after his ancient and original name. The Assyrians recognized Enmer/Asar as their state deity, Ashur. When the author of Genesis calls him Nimrod, this is a play on words in which the name Enmer is Hebraised into nmrd ('we shall rebel') because this king rebelled against Yahweh by building the Tower of Babel.*¹⁹

Rohl further theorizes that Babel was not, as most assume, at Babylon. If Nimrod, the great-grandson of Noah, was actually the Sumerian king Enmerkar, then his reign would probably not have been much more than two hundred years after the Flood at most, perhaps falling sometime in the early third millennium B.C. Babylon did not achieve prominence until the Amorites established a kingdom centered on the city about a thousand years later.

The ancient poem *Enmerkar and the Lord of Aratta* recalls a conflict between the king of Uruk—the beginning of Nimrod's kingdom, according to Genesis—and the sovereign of a foreign land, perhaps north in the region of modern Armenia.²⁰ In the account, probably written in the 21st century B.C., Enmerkar demanded a tribute of precious metals and gemstones for the reconstruction of the temple of Enki at the ancient city of Eridu, as well as for adorning the ziggurat (step pyramid) of the goddess Inanna (Ishtar) at Uruk.

Another significant connection: David Rohl believes that the temple of Enki is the actual site of the Tower of Babel. Eridu is one of the oldest cities in the world and is named in the Sumerian King List as the earliest city in Mesopotamia.²¹ Eridu was the originally the home of the god Enki, who was considered the found-

er of the city. Rohl's gives several reasons for identifying Enki's temple as the biblical Tower of Babel:²²

- The ruins of the ziggurat at Eridu are far older and larger than any others, and thus seem to better match the description of the tower.
- One name of Eridu in cuneiform logograms was pronounced "NUN.KI" ("the Mighty Place") in Sumerian, but much later the same "NUN.KI" was understood to mean the city of Babylon.
- The much later Greek version of the King-list by Berossus (c. 200 BC) reads "Babylon" in place of "Eridu" in the earlier versions, as the name of the oldest city where "the kingship was lowered from Heaven".
- As noted above, Rohl identifies Nimrod as the Sumerian king Enmerkar. Thus Enmerkar's demands for materials to build Enki's temple—or rebuild, as the earliest layers of the ziggurat at Eridu predate a thick layer of silt deposited by a massive flood.

The leader of the gods,

Endowed with wisdom, the lord of Eridu

Changed the speech in their mouths, [brought] contention into it,

*Into the speech of man that (until then) had been one.*²³

Enki, as in other Sumerian myths, is credited in the story with actions that the Bible attributes to Yahweh. In the Sumerian flood myth, for example, it is Enki who warns Ziusudra (the analog of Noah) to build a boat, saving Ziusudra, his family, and thus all of mankind.

Identifying the Tower of Babel as Enki's temple at Eridu is an intriguing possibility on a several levels. It fits with the traditions and legends of Nimrod/Ningirsu/Ninurta as a builder, especially concerning irrigation and the development of agriculture.

Additionally, it is worth noting that Enki, the Sumerian god of fresh waters, was housed at a temple in Eridu called the *E-abzu*. There is some thought among

scholars that the Greek word from which we derive the English "abyss" is borrowed from the Akkadian *apsu* or Sumerian *abzu*.²⁴

Then there is Enki's name. It is comprised of two simple words: *En*, or "lord", and *ki*, or "earth". It doesn't require much imagination to connect a god called Lord of the Earth, whose temple is the Abyss, to the biblical Satan (the "god of this world"²⁵ and "prince/

ruler of this world"²⁶).

One assumes that an effort to rebuild an ancient, pre-Flood temple to Enki/Satan would provoke a muscular response from the Most High God, Yahweh. And that is exactly what we read in Genesis 11:1-9.²⁷

Admittedly, this has moved into the realm of speculation. Who the historic Nimrod was and what he actually did is lost in the mists of time. The Bible doesn't specifically name him as the builder of the Tower of Babel, but tradition and circumstantial historical evidence point to Enmerkar/Nimrod as the mastermind of the project. And whatever his motive, it was a serious enough offense that Yahweh was compelled to come to Earth and intervene personally, something that rarely happened.



Further, *Enmerkar and the Lord of Aratta* records another parallel with the biblical account of the Tower of Babel—the confusion of humanity's speech:

In those days, the lands of Subur (and) Hamazi,

Harmony-tongued Sumer, the great land of the decrees of princesship,

Uri, the land having all that is appropriate,

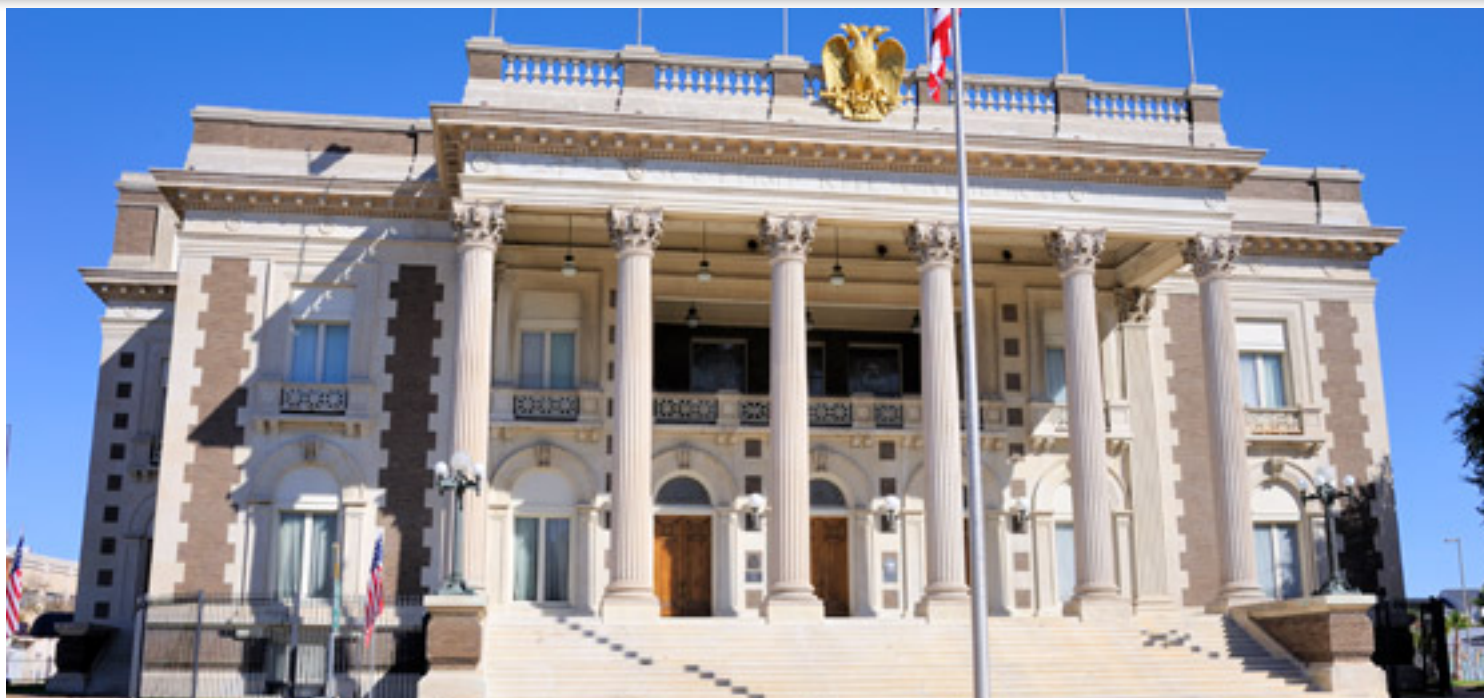
The land Martu, resting in security,

The whole universe, the people in unison

To Enlil in one tongue [spoke].

(Then) Enki, the lord of abundance (whose) commands are trustworthy,

The lord of wisdom, who understands the land,



Scottish Rite Building. Dallas, Tx.

Setting aside the speculation, it can be agreed that history generally views Nimrod/Enmerkar/Ninurta/Ningirsu as a rebel against Yahweh. And yet, through the double-headed eagle and its alleged link to ancient Lagash, this is the figure Scottish Rite Freemasonry holds up as the emblem of its highest levels of honor and achievement.

It could be argued that the early leaders of the Scottish Rite were not privy to modern archaeological discoveries that have added to our knowledge of Ancient Near Eastern history, symbology, and religion. For example, the Hittites, who gave us the double-headed eagle, were not even known outside the Bible until about a hundred years after the Scottish Rite was established.

There is some truth to that. Still, early Freemasonic legends from the late 15th and early 16th centuries credit Nimrod, not Solomon, with being the first great mason.²⁸ With new information about the character of Nimrod came a change in the official legends of the origins of the craft.

But about the end of the last century [i.e., the 18th], or, perhaps, still later, about the beginning of the present, this legendary account of the origin of Freemasonry began to be repudiated, and another one, in contradiction of the old manuscripts, was substituted for it.

Masonry was no longer believed to have

originated at the Tower of Babel; the Temple of Jerusalem was considered as the place of its birth; and Solomon and not Nimrod was called the "first Grand Master."'²⁹

Yet while the official history has changed, the symbols, at least for the Scottish Rite, have not.

The double-headed eagle was probably introduced into Freemasonry in the early 1760s by a body in Paris called the Council of the Emperors of the East and West.³⁰ And for over 250 years, the symbol of political and religious power from the ancient Hittites through the Byzantine Empire to the modern nation-states of Russia, Albania, Serbia, and Montenegro (and, interestingly, the Greek Orthodox Church) has also represented advanced degrees of Scottish Rite Freemasonry.³¹

While this author has been unable thus far to find a documented link between the double-headed eagle and ancient Sumer, Scottish Rite Freemasons claim a connection where one, if it exists, is tenuous at best. Again the question is, why?

Setting speculation aside, this may be nothing more than attachment to a symbol that is retained simply through inertia. Is it possible that Freemasons of the Scottish Rite honor the symbol just because they have always done so? It is conceivable; how many of us actually think about the symbolism behind, say, the American flag (beyond the obvious—stars for states,

stripes for the original colonies)? One can imagine members of the Scottish Rite honoring the choices made by its founders for the same reasons Americans tend to overlook character flaws in the nation's Founding Fathers.

It is conceivable, perhaps, but not likely. Freemasonry, especially the appendant rites, are devoted to the pursuit of knowledge. It is difficult to imagine an organization devoted to teaching its members through allegory and symbols giving so little thought to the emblems that represent the pinnacle of achievement within the group.

So what, then, does the double-headed eagle mean to

Freemasons? That is a difficult question to answer. Masons themselves say no one person speaks for Freemasonry,³² and no Grand Lodge presumes to issue directives to lodges under another Grand Lodge's jurisdiction. Freemasonry describes its philosophical pursuits as speculative, and there is no central body to issue authoritative decrees on matters of Masonic doctrine. Therefore, any conclusions we draw from the writings of prominent Freemasonic thinkers such as Albert Pike or Manly P. Hall are likely to be met with denials from Masons on those grounds.

That said, at least some belonging to the Scottish Rite view the double-headed eagle as an alchemical symbol representing the process of separating elements and then bringing them together again after purification and consecration.³³ In that sense, the eagle symbolizes a sort of Philosopher's Stone, facilitating the alchemical transformation of spiritual regeneration (and perhaps apotheosis).

Regardless of how widely held that particular view happens to be among Scottish Rite Freemasons, the question remains: Why insist on a symbolic link to Nimrod? Some fascinating theories have been advanced by researchers--and not all of them Christians: Nimrod represents the one-world government of the New World Order; Nimrod is the Antichrist; the Freemasons designed Washington, D.C. as an alchemical "resurrection machine" to bring back Nimrod/Osiris; the Freemasons financed research into the pyramids on the Giza plateau to find the tomb of Osiris/Nimrod, and so on.

While these lines of thought are fascinating and worthy of consideration insofar as they fit within the bounds of scripture, they are unlikely to convince Freemasons. Telling a member of the Blue Lodge that the Scottish Rite plots to bring the Antichrist to Earth at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. is likely to draw a derisive response.

Setting aside theories and speculation is necessary if we hope to open a conversation that encourages serious thought. No one responds well to being told, "You're stupid and everything you know is wrong." Regardless of the strength of the evidence or the brilliance of the logic, that's the subtext we hear when somebody attacks our convictions.

But a flanking approach based on evidence already acceptable to the listener meets less resistance. How can a Scottish Rite Freemason deny what his own



organization says about itself?

The rite claims a link to the ancient Sumerian god Ningirsu through the double-headed eagle that represents its 32nd and 33rd degrees. Non-Christian scholars consider Ningirsu a deified form of Nimrod, and Nimrod has been an infamous character at best since ancient times. He was a great builder, but a tyrant. And, if the listener will admit evidence from the Bible, whatever Nimrod tried to build at Babel provoked the wrath of God.

So that line of logic leads from an observation about the meaning of the double-headed eagle to this question: How can Scottish Rite Freemasons belong to an organization that venerates one of the most reviled, ungodly figures in all of history?

More to the point is the question that needs to be put to Free and Accepted Masons and members of the York Rite, Eastern Star, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and every other Masonic organization that associates with the Scottish Rite: Why haven't they broken fellowship with the Scottish Rite over this?

Perhaps a simple question about the Scottish Rite's double-headed eagle can open the door to serious thought and discussion about the true beliefs and purposes of Freemasonry—and, at the very least, whether Christians should belong to such a fellowship.

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United States of Antichrist

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Change that was promised as part of the American presidential campaign leading to the 2008 election of Barack Hussein Obama is rapidly taking on form and substance. Its monstrous reality no longer lurks about in the shadows of diplomatic obfuscation designed to misdirect and divert. I am convinced we are witnessing the emergence of the end-times entity that Daniel and John foresaw under divine revelation.

Acceleration of developments in every area of U.S. global interaction brings focus and magnification to the fact that America is being deliberately and masterfully diminished—brought into configuration to produce governing authority of immensely ominous scope and power.

Prophecy students have for decades puzzled over the fact that smaller nation-states, like Libya, Syria, and even Egypt, are mentioned as having prophetic prominence in the Bible. Yet, the greatest superpower ever to exist on planet earth doesn't rate even a slight mention, except obliquely, perhaps, in Ezekiel 38:13, as one of the "young lions." What happens to the great United States of America that relegates it to a non-player as prophecy comes to culmination?

The church today—and there is but one people within that designation: all truly born again believers in Jesus Christ—is, for the most part, deliriously happy within its almost total ignorance of biblically prophesied things to come. The majority doesn't know about what is prophetically scheduled to happen to the world. They don't want to know, and are protected in their ignorance by pastors and teachers who harbor the same attitude.

Those within the church who do know and care are mostly trepidatious about the prospects for America and the world. The trepidation ranges the spectrum from the US suffering total economic meltdown and degeneration into chaos and anarchy that will bring about dictatorship and incarceration in FEMA camps to America becoming so weakened that she will be



nuked out of existence by the likes of Russia, China, and even maybe a soon-to-be nuclear Iran.

If I may be so audacious, I will propose the third possibility I believe I see clearly now as the terminus for this once-great republic. To be honest, I have suspected this will be the scenario for America all along, and have written of my suspicion in a number of essays.

I believe the change promised by the current presidential administration, as part of that being orchestrated over the past several decades, is at this very moment bringing the US into the foretold union to be ruled by history's most lawless tyrant. The disregard by this president for the US Constitution, in itself a totally lawless *modus operandi*, in conjunction with a Congress that hasn't the fortitude to oppose this iniquitous action, is proof that we are in the time of America's demise and Antichrist's ascent.

No. I am not saying Barack Obama is the prophesied *first beast* of Revelation chapter 13. This president is, however, in concert with several previous administrations, and with the help of the many globalist movers and shakers over the past decades and even centuries, complicit in forcing this apex nation into the globalist mold.

The force behind the globalist agenda has been incessantly at work to impress upon the American populace—and the world at large—that the United States is an unjust, even a criminally oppressive, state. Most recently, for example, we can look at the ramped-up harangue US Senator Diane Feinstein perpetrated against

the Central Intelligence Agency, charging that America is a state that inhumanely deals with prisoners—particularly prisoners—her harangue implies—of the Muslim sort. The truth is that while the “torture” with which the CIA is charged includes such things as sleep deprivation, loud, western music, and hanging pictures of the prisoners’ families on their cell walls—and, yes, even some *water boarding*—Muslim terrorist organizations, and even Islamist governments worldwide mutilate and behead men, women, and children—and even infants—in the cause of their religion.

American mainstream media rehashes years-old reports of this “torture” by America’s agencies that are charged with protecting us, while scarcely covering even the most heinous atrocities perpetrated by the Islamist terrorist states. The lie that America is brutal and unjust has at its center that white Europeans came and, through murderous thievery, stole land from the Native Americans. These “oppressors,” the slanderous fable goes, were the same who brought to America slaves from Africa and other places to work the hapless people so the oppressors could live luxuriant, lives of opulence.

Manifest Destiny is in the mind of those who detest this nation’s history—which includes a national heart of doling out unprecedented largesse to people in need—the equivalent of falsely legitimized rape, pillage, and plunder. This is still going on, according to those who seek “social justice.” At least, they claim, this is the mindset of the majority of Caucasian people in America today. Most all of these modern-day “white oppressors,” it is declared through sometimes nearly insane-sounding rant, are of the conservative, Christian mindset. That is, they hold to constitutional principles they see as centered in biblical truth, thus are bigoted, narrow-minded, and exclusive in their desire to lord it over the people of color in the nation.

In this way, the seed is planted deeply into the collective conscience of America that “change” must be made. That is the great “hope” to which those who won the 2008 presidential election aspire.

Those in league with the seekers of this specious “social justice”—the entertainment media and the liberal bastions of academia, as well as the mainstream journalists of America and, for that matter, the world—equate Christian morality with being cruel, oppressive, bigoted, and narrow-minded. They agree and fight every hour of every day to bring the fundamentalist view of Christianity into the realm of punishable “hate

speech.” They want no talk of Jesus Christ as the arbiter of morality and social justice, like the Founding fathers (all *white* men) often implied within their writings upon the foundation of this nation.

Of course, it is obvious that this unending invective against our nation is a soul-darkened ideological bent infused within the self-appointed intellectual champions of the downtrodden in America and around the globe. This is why there must be formed a global unity of mind and thought focused in a *changed* direction. This is the reason there is great movement toward the so-called “new world order,” as given by the words of some well known personages.

Dr. Henry Kissinger wrote in the *Los Angeles Times*, July 18, 1993, in the lead-up to Congress being challenged to sign onto the North America Free Trade Association (NAFTA): “What Congress will have before it is not a conventional trade agreement but the architecture of a new international system... a first step toward a new world order.”

Again, the New World Order will find difficulty coming into being until the apex nation—the one to which all nations of the world are intricately linked through the almighty dollar—can be brought down so that it melds with the others. As long as the United States holds the key to dominance, especially economic dominance, the move back to Babel—the building of the one-world order the master planners want, cannot begin to happen in earnest.

We are witnessing, therefore, the destruction of the nation from within. America’s infrastructure has been under intensive attack by the Lucifer-inspired one-world builders since its inception. But, the attack especially became manifest in 1962 when the US Supreme Court decided that prayer be forbidden in public schools. This assault was followed by Bible reading being banished in public schools in 1963. This resulted in the ramping up of the separation of church and state sophistry that opened the way for evolution-based, secular humanism to infect children’s minds while in the classrooms—without opposition.

The deliberately planned financial attack—in my opinion—that generated severe economic chaos in 2007, bringing about unprecedented (supposed) remedies, was an assault intended to forever change the course of America—and in many ways. It was an assault by the powers of Ephesians chapter 6, carried out by human, globalist, minions.



America's Come-Uppance

The United States is demonstrably at the top of the list of the most-hated nations on earth, second only to the tiny Jewish state of Israel. All one needs do is to read news of world events within foreign press accounts, no matter the country, to determine the disdain for America. The US mainstream news conglomerate leads the way in pointing to US ugly Americanism.

We recall recent events in which this nation is portrayed as at fault, even though all evidence was to the contrary. One example is the matter of the attack on the American diplomatic headquarters in Benghazi, Libya.

The president and his secretary of state led the way in proclaiming the attack on the embassy and the murder of four Americans-to-be, not the fault of Islamist terrorists, but the fault of a pitiful, small-time filmmaker of YouTube videos. The strong implication for months by the White House and State Department was that it was the disrespect shown Mohammed, the founder of Islam, in the video that set off a spontaneous demonstration.

In fact, the YouTube video that is purported to have supposedly slammed Mohammed was scarcely viewed

throughout Internet. The implication that was meant to be inveighed was it was America's fault that the embassy was attacked and the diplomatic employees murdered because of America's insensitivity to others around the world in allowing such disrespect to fester within our ranks. Christianity's "one way to salvation," I believe these State-Department types wanted to convey—bore a big part of the guilt for the Benghazi attack because of the religious "intolerance" harbored by such a large number of American citizens.

Such surreptitious propagandizing is behind the refusal of this administration and mainstream news media to ever ascribe guilt to Islam in the ongoing, horrendous acts of terrorism that are, in every case, based on religious fervor.

The American press joined the White House, State Department, and all other US detractors in this convoluted slant on what happened in Libya.

The truth is that a group of Muslim terrorists, because they hate the US for its support for the even more hated Israel, and because of worldwide Islamist desire to make everyone bow the knee to Allah, planned, then carried out, the attack. It had nothing to do with a small-time, unknown video maker or his unknown video.

I think it is again demonstrative of the fact that the entire matter was used to diminish America's influence in this world rapidly headed for dramatically changed global order. Unless the United States is brought down, that change will be difficult, if not impossible, to effect.

It is obvious to me that forces outside of America and, even more troubling, forces within the ranks of our government at the highest levels, believe it is high time that the United States be brought to account for the perceived wrongs they insanely believe this great nation has perpetrated. The changes they seek will soon allow the master manipulator of all things evil to achieve—at least for a time—the new order of things he desires for humanity.

This gestating global entity, I term “the United States of Antichrist.”

What we are experiencing is a “change,” in my opinion, that is designed to shift the movement of union of this continent—even this hemisphere, into high gear. It is perhaps a move more dynamic than any other of recent years to accelerate a major prophetic development. This alignment is what I term—again—the “United States of Antichrist.” The following is how God's Holy Word describes my United States of Antichrist.

The prophecy of which I write is wrapped up in the alignment of nations as they will be at the time Christ's Second Advent nears.

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. (Revelation 17:12-13)

Daniel the prophet, like John to whom the Revelation was given, saw the entity that would emerge at the



time near the end. Daniel saw it as the lowest extremities of the great, metallic image of Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar's prophetic dream.

Daniel told the king the following about what the feet of this prophetic dream-image involved.

And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. (Daniel 2:41-44)

Daniel, and later, John, saw these ten kings and kingdoms as the last world power that will be ruled over by the first beast of Revelation chapter 13. That strange, composite behemoth is described through John's telling of the Revelation:

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. (Revelation 13:1)

This composite monster, although symbolic in its representation of planet earth's final world power, presents a terrifying image of what it is to become once it moves onto the end-times world. Daniel describes the monster further, as well as the personage who will be at its head.

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. (Daniel 7: 7-8)

There can be no serious contention with the fact that Bible prophecy predicts a final world power that will consist of ten separate, yet unified in some way, entities. Regardless of whether one believes the Bible or not, one cannot deny that such a final world governing monster is prophesied to come on the scene at some point. It is foretold to be all-consuming, and a monstrosity that is headed by the most mesmerizing orator of all time—and the most blasphemous.

Prophetic Empire Emerging

The geopolitical factors for the soon fulfillment of Bible prophecy are in alignment. Israel is again a nation hated by practically all other nations, and Jerusalem, with the Temple Mount at the center of potential for all-out war, is headline stuff daily. Russia and Iran are poised to fulfill their destinies as the nucleus of the Gog-Magog force of Ezekiel 38-39. Just as dramatic as these, in my view, is the emergence of a number of distinct global economic trading blocs.

I consider these that I term the developing "United States of Antichrist" to be the reviving Roman Empire, from which the beast of Revelation chapter 13 will emerge.

Our own, once great and sovereign nation is the key factor, I am convinced, in ultimately determining how swiftly Daniel and John's composite world government will come into fulfillment.

We can understand just how important the United

States is to the rest of the nations of earth by thinking on America's chief Cold-War nemesis at this very hour.

Just weeks ago, Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, was threatening to cut off oil and gas to Europe. He blustered in his macho way to tell the West that its sanctions imposed for his bellicosity against Ukraine, etc., would only hurt the West and harden Russia's resolve.

In addition to leading the imposition of sanctions against Putin's saber-rattling, the US administration, it is almost a certainty in my mind, twisted the arms of the Saudi royal family to drop the price of oil through market manipulations. Thus, the powers that be, even above our president's own input, achieved their two-fold purpose: 1) It cut the legs out from under Putin's oil sales because he cannot compete with such decreases. Almost overnight, the Ruble fell precipitously against the dollar. The fall and its ramification was so great that some heads within European governments want sanctions eased or lifted so as to save Russia from possible economic collapse. 2) It greatly set back the burgeoning fracking industry in America's North Dakota and other regions, an action intended to further bring America's economic base to an ever-lessening position of dominance.

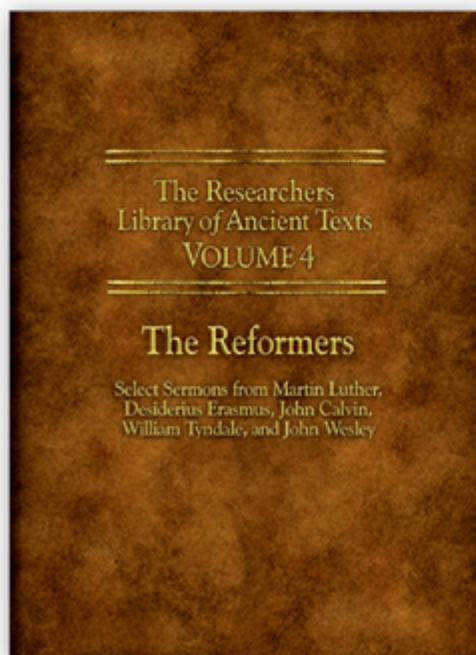
So, Lucifer—again, in my opinion—is using the most powerful nation to ever be upon earth to bring all others into his desired one-world configuration—the configuration that was his desire at Babel all of those millennia ago. At the same time, he is managing to diminish America, thereby bringing her into conformation with the new world order he is building. I think his demented genius is evident at every turn as of late.

Already the construction of the "United States of Antichrist" is far advanced. Although the individual regional entities that comprise the quickly evolving global-governing power to come are in constant flux, the skeleton that will soon take on prophesied end-times flesh is in view today. Here is how it looks at a quick glance:

- European Union
- North American Union
- South American Union
- African Union

- Mediterranean Union
- Eurasian Economic Union
- Gulf Cooperation Council (Arab states of the Gulf)
- South Asian Association
- Asia Pacific Union
- Caribbean Community

NOTE: For the full article, and the in-depth breakdown of the developing new world order entities listed above, [click here](#).



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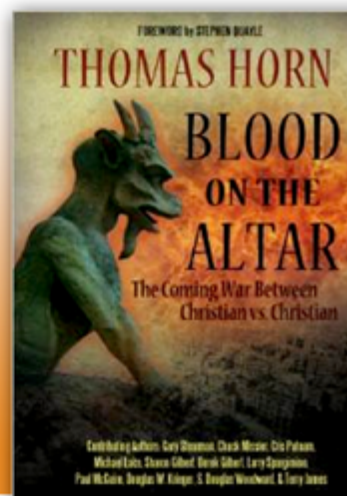
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A Journey Down the Occultic Rabbit Hole – The Shinar Directive

By Dr. Michael K. Lake

The Matrix is the world that has been pulled over your eyes to blind you from the truth.

—Morpheus, *The Matrix*

I remember in 1999, as I was watching the new sci-fi thriller, *The Matrix*, I began identifying so intensely with Neo (the main character in the story) that I almost stood to my feet to shout during several pivotal scenes in the movie. Neo had a sense that something was off in his world, but the truth was beyond what his paradigm would allow. One particular scene in the movie had him asleep at his computer keyboard when Trinity (the main heroine in the movie) typed the now-famous words on his computer screen: “Knock, knock, Neo.” From that moment on, Neo began a journey down the rabbit hole and discovered another reality existed.

The Church is in a similar situation today. The enemy of our souls has lulled us to sleep at the prophetic keyboard of life. All the while, his agents have been slowly altering our reality and seizing control of our world. I am not saying that the singularity¹ is already here or that AIs (artificial intelligence beings) have secretly taken over the world. The truth is we are facing something even more nefarious. We are living in a neo-pagan world that is completely controlled by the occult, and the Church is oblivious to this reality.

I was raised as a typical American Christian. I cannot remember a Sunday that I wasn't in church. In fact, I have vivid memories as a young child of taking naps under the pews (in contrast to the many adults taking naps while on them). I accepted Jesus as my Lord and



Savior at a Missionary Baptist youth camp nestled deep in the woods of Missouri when I was just twelve. On my thirteenth birthday, I answered the call to the ministry and have been a student of the Word and a preacher/teacher ever since. I wish that I could tell you that everything was clear skies and rainbows after that, but it wouldn't be true. Like most Christians in America, I was only partially awake. To be truthful, the covert influence of the occult within society and the Church had left me nearly comatose spiritually. I would have moments of great spiritual lucidity while ministering in the pulpit, but would revert back to a type of spiritual slumber by the time I got home.

Then something startling happened. In January of 1994, a sovereign act of God changed my life forever. My wife, Mary, had lived under the shadow of a dark depression most of her life. I must commend her. She was able to hide this depression from the public well, and was able to make herself get out of the bed in the mornings to take care of our children and home. I am sure she had to muster intestinal fortitude to make it through each day. Everyone thought she was a very cordial person with a bubbly personality. She always baked goodies for our children's activities at school and was involved in classroom parties and other extra-curricular events, although she confessed to me later that these social atmospheres were exhausting for her. Mary tried to conceal her deep depression, because

she did not want to burden the people around her. She would rather hurt on the inside than make everyone around her miserable, too. Yet, she continued each day under this huge burden that was blocking her spiritual growth and even keeping her from reading the Word of God.

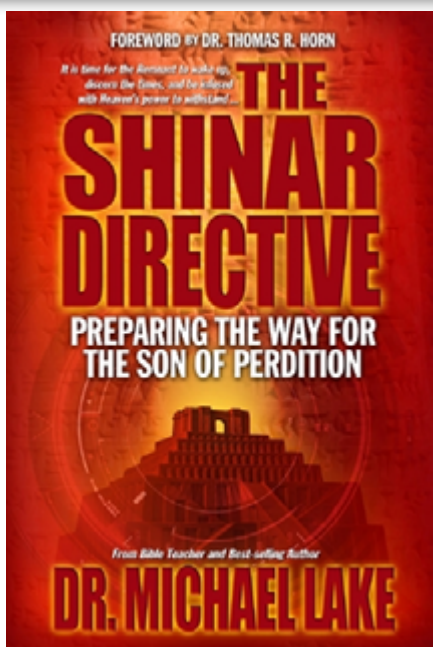
Mary woke up one cold January morning, and the depression was gone. It took her several days to realize what had happened. Colors around her appeared brighter and more beautiful. The air seemed fresher that morning, and she felt a joy in her heart. Mary began reading (actually more like devouring) the Word of God, listening to teachings on Christian TV, and getting lost in prayer for hours with this wonderful God who had set her absolutely free. While the rest of the family was watching evening television, she would dress warmly and go sit outside in our van to pray. (I even believe that this step helped her hear from God, considering the wealth of knowledge that we now have concerning the use of television broadcasts for the purpose of interjecting attitudes and ideas at the subliminal level.) Most importantly (at least from my perspective), she began to pray for the husband whom she had just fallen in love with anew. She prayed that he would be set free from the spiritual slumber that he had lived in for most of his adult life.

To our dismay, after eight months of glorious freedom, the depression came back with a vengeance. This time, it was darker and even more oppressive than before. Finally, on a cold evening a few months later, she wrapped herself in a blanket and sat outside on a picnic bench behind our home to seek the face of God. She determined in her heart that she would remain there until she got an answer from God on how she could have regressed to such a state. About the time she felt chilled to the bone, God began speaking to her. He told her that she was under demonic oppression, and that she now had the knowledge and ability to fight. God told Mary to bind the power of these demons in the Name of Jesus, and that He would show her the path to freedom. As God continued the process of Mary's deliverance and healing, she had memories emerge of abuse by those in the occult. She was having a very difficult time believing that these memories could be true, and she would repeatedly ask me to pray that God would show us truth to ensure that she was not being led into error by a deceiving spirit.

Much to my amazement, everything she told me was not only confirmed by people in her hometown right in front of my eyes, but many of the details that she was remembering were confirmed through my continual research (and many of the other aspects of her recollections are still being confirmed today). In our present time, the concept of chimeras (a hybrid that combines several types of animals into one new creature) is a common topic among those in the know; when she gave me details of these hybrid beings in 1995, I must confess that it was very difficult to believe. In 2000, we viewed a series of huge lights flashing in a particular sequence over her hometown. As our research has continued, it is more apparent than ever that these lights were impacting the citizens of that town (the people in that town are totally unaware that they are being affected). I am convinced that these lights are an integral element of the unfolding saga of mind control in our nation (especially considering that the first time we viewed the lights was on election night of November 2000—is it possible that technology is being used to sway elections?).

As Mary's healing progressed and we stepped into the preliminary stages of discovering the deep roots of witchcraft in the Ozarks, God began working on me. Step by step, I began to awaken from the occult haze that had enveloped my soul. I was just like Neo in *The Matrix*. I knew there was something wrong, yet I was asleep at the keyboard of life. Then, through several sovereign moves of the Triune God, like Neo, I received a wake-up call. This did not lead me down a rabbit hole to discover that the world I had always known was a fabrication by an advanced AI to control my life. No—this rabbit hole led to the reality of just how embedded the occult is in every aspect of our society, and to what extent we are under its control. The luciferian agenda is well under way. I discovered that the multidimensional schemes of the enemy are more complex than anyone could ever imagine. In fact, these plans have been in motion since Nimrod walked the streets of Babylon. My discoveries included:

- Involvement by those in the occult in politics, education, and law enforcement
- The reality of mind control, satanic ritual abuse, and multiple personalities



- Secret societies' web of entanglement in every level of our society—worldwide
- The occult's deep intrusion into our churches, denominations, seminaries, and theologies—as well as spiritual warfare and psychic warfare aimed at our pastors
- How the luciferian agenda includes both aspects of completely controlling every individual on the planet and a deep passion to see the population reduced to just five hundred million
- The return of the Watchers of Genesis 6, and their continued tacit influence in America and other nations today
- Transhumanism's dark vision for mankind and how their plans facilitate Nimrod's conspiracy against God

With the preparation of the Remnant in mind, I wanted to share the facts I have discovered through the process and the trials. I am an academic researcher and Bible teacher. I am also ex-military. So, I have a deep desire to “know my enemy.” During those troubling times, I dedicated most of my time to research. I read stacks of books and gleaned information from myriad websites. I consulted with as many Christian and professional experts I could find on occult involvement, mind control, and the like. There were even books I considered so vile that I burned them after reading.

I wanted to examine the mindsets of those involved in the occult so I could attempt to comprehend their warfare doctrine. Although I do not consider myself an expert on all of the subjects I discuss in *The Shinar Directive*, I do have a better understanding of how trained occultists work to pull us into subjection and put us to sleep. Along the way, I have also discovered how the ancient Hebraic wisdom encoded into God's Word can make us aware of the enemy's tactics, identify paganism and its influences, break the power that the kingdom of darkness can take over our lives, and enable us to walk fully awake and in the freedom Jesus came to give us!

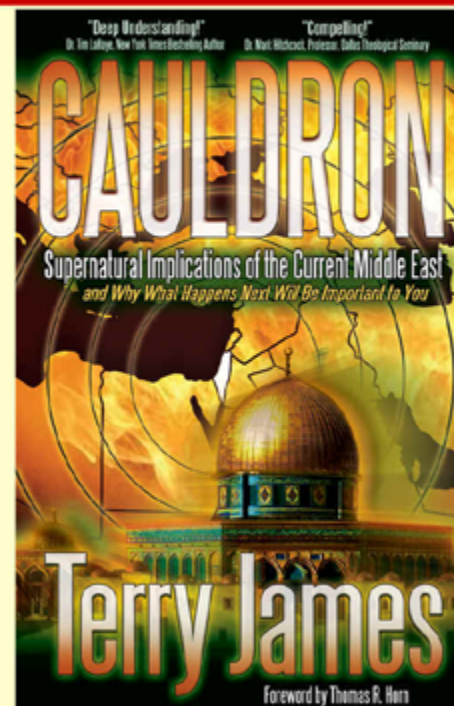
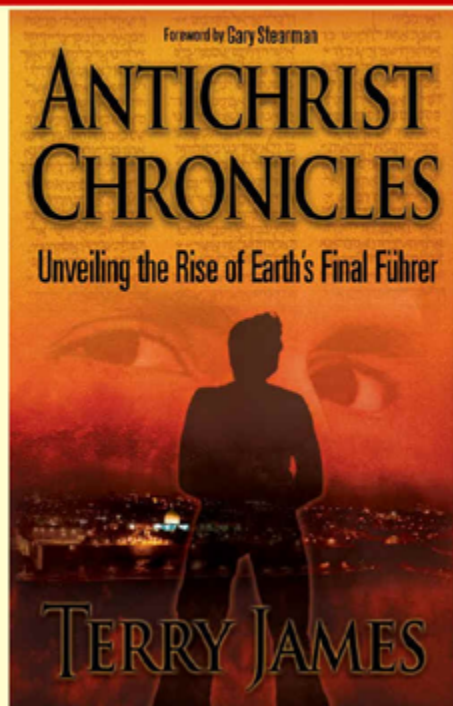
Over the past few years, I have shared some of the truths that I have discovered in bible conferences and seminars. It was my desire to share how important this information was and how it needed to be folded into our expanding understanding of end-time prophecy. The response I received from bishops, Christian educators, experienced ministers, and Christians was amazing. These believers sat in both amazement and disbelief – all the while, the Holy Spirit was bearing witness in their hearts that these things were true. Since those initial lectures, I have received many requests to either develop future seminars on end-time prophecy or to write a book. I decided to do both. Defender Publishing is releasing *The Shinar Directive*, which will serve as a powerful introduction into the unfolding of bible prophecy in our day. In 2015 and beyond, I will continue to teach and to write on these concepts to prepare the Remnant and empower them for what lies just beyond tomorrow.

Today, the Holy Trinity is knocking at your door. “Knock, knock, Remnant.” Are you ready to look beyond the world that has been pulled over your eyes and discover the truth? Are you ready to be equipped for end-time spiritual warfare and be enabled by our Sovereign and Holy God to walk out of Babylon? Are you ready to be that Bride whose garments are without spot or wrinkle? If so, read *The Shinar Directive* and discover a higher reality that will set you free!

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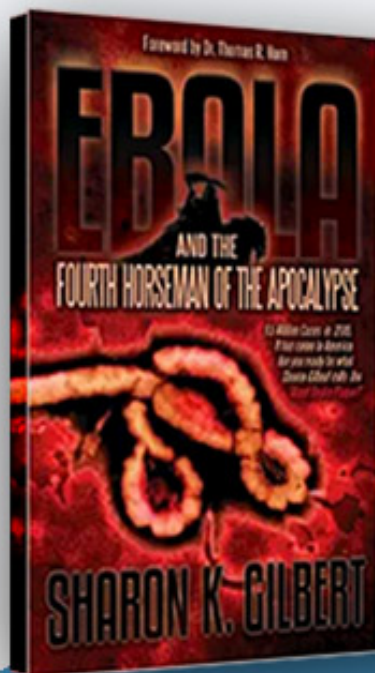
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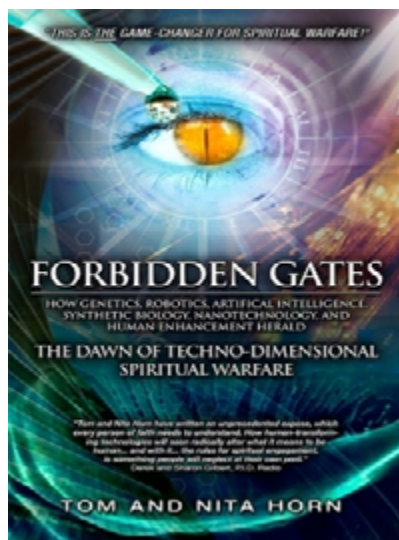
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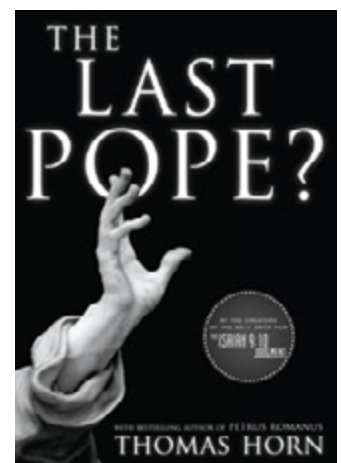
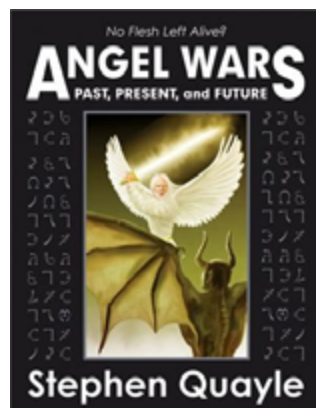
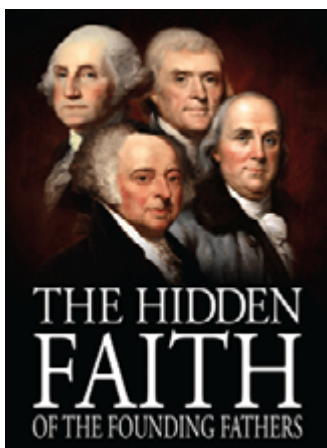
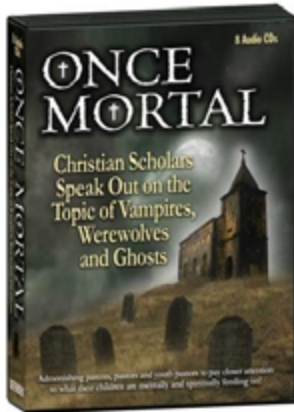
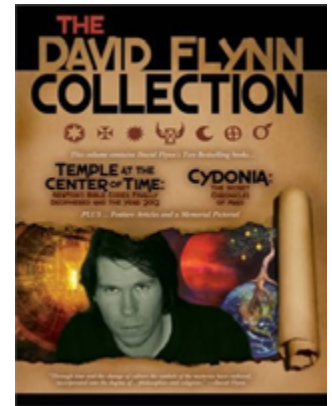
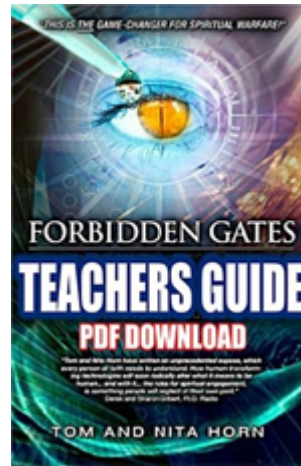
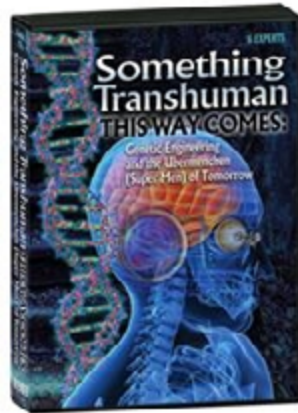
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